

Application No. 10/767,530

Amendment Date April 11, 2009; Reply to Office action of Nov. 5, 2008

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant appreciates the very helpful feedback received from Examiner Strege in the Office communication mailed November 5, 2009.

Claim Objections

Claims 6 and 12 are amended to correct the informalities according to Examiner Strege's helpful suggestions.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 6 and 12 are amended to overcome Examiner Strege's rejections as follows:

- W is changed to w;
- w is defined in wherein sentence following Examiner Strege's suggested wording;
- l, Z and (i,j) are defined in the claim limitations;
- We added create an adaptive ZOI image "using a length function l" to link the equation to the adaptive region partition method.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §101

Claims 6 and 12 are amended according to Examiner Strege's helpful suggestions.

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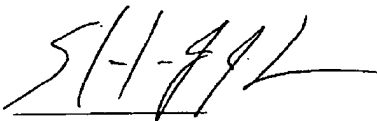
Conclusion

In view of the above remarks and arguments, applicant submits that the amended claims overcome the claim objections and claim rejections under 35 USC §112 and 35 USC §101. Therefore applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, which action applicant respectfully solicits.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to MPEP para. 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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